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### ***“Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” Ends with Approximately 11,000 Citations Issued for Impaired Driving and Other Violations***

INDIANAPOLIS, IN. – The Governor’s Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving and the Traffic Safety Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today the results of the recently concluded *“Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.”* Labor Day crackdown. Approximately 11,000 citations were issued statewide as a result of the increased enforcement during the impaired driving mobilization that began on August 17 and concluded on September 9.

In west central Indiana, nearly 1,000 hours of overtime were put in by more than 60 officers during the campaign. These officers issued more than 800 citations for impaired drivers and other moving violations. “Impaired driving has far reaching ramifications. It does not just start and stop with the person behind the wheel driving impaired,” said Mike Cunegin, executive director of ICJI. “As a former law enforcement officer, I know first hand that a crash involving an impaired driver is devastating. What is even more tragic, is that these crashes are clearly preventable.”

According to the Traffic Safety Alcohol Fact Sheet from the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, 273 people, out of 899 total fatalities, lost their lives in traffic crashes in Indiana in 2006 due to an impaired driver. “Although this statistic is disturbing, I remain encouraged by the aggressive efforts of Indiana law enforcement and their continued crackdown on impaired drivers,” said Ryan Klitzsch, Traffic Safety division director at ICJI.

“I am confident high-visibility enforcement and intense media coverage deployed during this (DUI) campaign worked to heighten the public’s awareness of the dangers of impaired driving. However, drivers should be aware that sustained drunk driving enforcement will continue beyond this campaign,” Klitzsch concluded.

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This year's "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." enforcement crackdown benefited Hoosiers in many ways. While its primary purpose was to deter impaired driving through high-visibility enforcement, the mobilization also countered other potential traffic hazards, and rid local streets and neighborhoods of criminal activity. Following is a breakdown of significant arrests that occurred as a result of Indiana's increased DUI enforcement efforts:

County	Department	Significant Events & Arrests
Clay	Clay County SD	A vehicle was stopped for no license plate light, more than \$4,000 in stolen merchandise was found in the vehicle from a burglary. The suspect who was driving was arrested at the scene.
Hendricks	Brownsburg PD	One felony warrant arrest containing three counts, 1 vehicle pursuit resulting in multiple felony charges.
Jackson	Seymour PD	One arrest involved a pursuit and fight with police by suspect. The suspect was charged with disorderly conduct, OWI refusal, resisting law enforcement, criminal recklessness, and several citations. One arrest for possession of methamphetamine.
Monroe	Bloomington PD	While conducting extra Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) patrols, an officer made an arrest for OWI and while conducting this investigation he discovered the driver was a habitual traffic violator (life). The officer also recovered stolen property from the suspect's vehicle.
Putnam	Greencastle PD	Six DUI's during the enforcement crackdown.
Vigo	West Terre Haute PD	Female subject arrested on a warrant for 2 counts of dealing methamphetamine. Suspect also charged with possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine.

The national *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* impaired driving crackdown is a prevention program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity.

*The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst and the implementing body for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council provides grant funding, training, coordination and ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates through funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.*

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